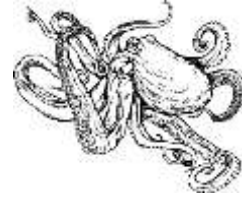


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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT  
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMERCIAL OCTOPUS  
NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Prince William Sound (PWS) Area E Octopus Management Plan (5AAC 38.217), which permits the retention of octopus commercially caught as bycatch to other directed fisheries, was adopted at the Alaska Board of Fisheries March 2012 meeting and will become effective July 13, 2012.

The plan sets an annual guideline harvest level of 35,000 lb. In directed fisheries for groundfish octopus may be retained as bycatch up to 20 percent by weight of the directed species aboard a vessel as part of the aggregate 20 percent bycatch allowance. In directed fisheries for shrimp octopus may be retained in an amount not to exceed 35 percent, by weight, of the shrimp aboard the vessel. All octopus retained, either for personal use or sold, must be reported on an Alaska Department of Fish and Game fish ticket. Please direct any questions to Maria Wessel in the Cordova office.

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